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HEALTH SERVICES

General Dental Services

REGULATIONS, DATED 23RD JUNE, 1966, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES UNDER THE HEALTH SERVICES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1948.

The Ministry of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 11 and 80 of the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland) 1948(a), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, and in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance, hereby makes the following regulations:—

1. These regulations may be cited as the Health Services (General Dental Services and General Dental Services Fees) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1966, and shall come into operation on the 1st July, 1966.

2.—(1) Subject to the following provisions of this regulation, these regulations shall not apply to general dental services provided under a contract or arrangement entered into or made before 1st July, 1966, and such services shall continue to be subject to the provisions of the regulations in force immediately before that date.

(2) Where an advice of payment from the Committee to the Board dated on or after 1st July, 1966 is in respect of a contract or arrangement entered into or made before that date and relates to a fee of 6s. 6d. in respect of item 1 of the scale of fees, the Board shall pay to a practitioner in addition to the fees authorised under regulation 18 of the principal regulations a sum equal to 1s. 0d. in respect of every such fee payable under the said item 1.

(3) Where an advice of payment from the Committee to the Board dated on or after 1st July, 1966 is in respect of a contract or arrangement entered into or made before that date, the Board shall pay to a practitioner in addition to the fees authorised under the said regulation 18 a sum equal to 10·5 per cent. of the amount of those fees.

(4) In respect of an advice of payment from the Committee to the Board dated during the period beginning with 1st April, 1966 and ending with 30th June, 1966, the Board shall pay to a practitioner a sum equal to 5·75 per cent. of the amounts payable under regulation 18 and Part I of Schedule 6 of the principal regulations.

3. The Health Services (General Dental Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1964(b) shall be amended as follows:—

(1) In regulation 18 paragraphs (2)(*a*) and (*b*) the words "Part I" shall be deleted.

(2) For Schedule 2 (which sets out the treatment for which the prior approval of the Dental Estimates Committee is required) there shall be substituted the first schedule of these regulations.

(a) 1948. c. 3. (b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1964, No. 60.

(3) For Parts I to VII of Schedule 6 (which prescribe the scale of fees for treatment) there shall be substituted the second schedule to these regulations.

(4) Part VIII of Schedule 6 shall be renumbered Part VII.

(5) In Part VII of Schedule 6 (which prescribes conditions with respect to materials)

(*a*) in paragraph (10) after the word "crowns" there shall be inserted the word "bridges".

(*b*) after paragraph (12) there shall be inserted the following paragraph:—

"(13) Self-polymerising resins shall not be used in the construction of permanent crowns."

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland this 23rd day of June, 1966.

(L.S.) *Lancelot Browne,*
Assistant Secretary.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 23rd day of June, 1966.

(L.S.) *James Reid,*
Assistant Secretary.

FIRST SCHEDULE

"SCHEDULE 2

Treatment for which the prior approval of the Dental Estimates Committee is required

A *Category and Item No. in Scale of Fees*		B *Item of Treatment*
I. Diagnosis	2(*a*) and (*b*)	Radiological examination: (*a*) in cases of apicectomy, involving 5 or more intra-oral films; (*b*) in orthodontic cases, involving 7 or more intra-oral films, or 3 or more extra-oral films, or 3 or more intra-oral films together with 3 or more extra-oral films; (*c*) in any other case, involving 4 or more intra-oral films, or 2 or more extra-oral films, or 3 or more intra-oral films together with one or more extra-oral films.
II. Conservative Treatment	3	Scaling and gum treatment where the last course of treatment in respect of which provision was made for payment under item 3 to the same practitioner† commenced at any time during any of the 5 months preceding the month in which the further treatment is to be done.
	3(*b*)	Scaling and gum treatment to be followed by extraction of the teeth charted for scaling, gum treatment and extraction during the same course of treatment.
	5	Periodontal treatment other than treatment provided under items 3 and 4.
	8	Gold fillings.
	9	Inlays (except renewal of a facing under item 9(*c*) or refixing or recementing an inlay under item 9(*d*)).
	10	Crowning of permanent teeth (other than the initial provision under item 10(*f*)(i) or (ii) of one synthetic resin post or dowel crown with or without diaphragm where only a single crown is required during a course of treatment, and other than refixing or recementing a crown).
III. Surgical Treatment	11	Extractions necessitating the supply of dentures (other than the extraction of all the remaining teeth of a patient aged 35 years or over) or comprising part of a course of orthodontic treatment.

†Reference in this schedule to dental treatment by the same practitioner shall include also dental treatment by his principal or the partner of either, or by the assistant of any of them.

A *Category and Item No. in Scale of Fees*		B *Item of Treatment*
	12	Alveolectomy; removal of a cyst, buried root, impacted tooth, etc.; surgery on soft tissue.
	13(*a*)(iii)	Administration of a special anaesthetic (e.g., intratracheal), in connection with treatment under item 11, where essential owing to the medical condition of the patient and the anaesthetic is administered by a doctor or dentist other than the dentist carrying out the extraction.
	13(*b*)	General anaesthetic administered in connection with item 12 of the scale of fees.
IV. Dentures, Bridges and Special Appliances	14	Provision of dentures in vulcanite or synthetic resin (other than the initial provision of full upper and lower dentures following the extraction during the same course of treatment of all the remaining teeth of a patient aged 35 years or over).
	15(*a*)(ii)	Relining of dentures in vulcanite or synthetic resin accompanied by repairs and/or additions.
	15(*b*)	Addition of soft lining or soft partial lining to a new or existing vulcanite or synthetic resin denture where this is required on account of the abnormal anatomical condition of the patient's alveolus.
	15(*c*)	Replacement or refitting of soft lining or soft partial lining which has been provided on account of the abnormal anatomical condition of the patient's alveolus.
	18	Backing or posting and tagging of teeth on non-metallic based dentures.
	19(*a*)(i)	Provision of dentures in stainless steel.
	19(*a*)(i)	Provision of dentures in chrome cobalt.
	19(*a*)(ii)	Provision of dentures in precious metal alloy containing less than 60 per cent. fine gold.
	19(*a*)(ii)	Provision of dentures in precious metal alloy containing 60 per cent. or more fine gold.
	19(*b*)	Repairs to metal dentures at a cost of more than £1 14s. 6d.
	19(*c*)	Additions to metal dentures.

A *Category and Item No. in Scale of Fees*		B *Item of Treatment*
	20(*a*)	Bridges.
	21(*a*)	Provision of obturators.
	21(*b*)	Repairs to obturators at a cost of more than £1 14s. 6d.
	21(*c*)	Treatment involving splints or other appliances, except repairs at a cost of not more than £1 14s. 6d.
V. Treatment special to children	22(*c*)(i)	Conservation by preparation of self-cleansing areas followed by applications of silver nitrate or similar medicaments where the treatment occurs within 12 months of similar treatment to the same surface by the same practitioner.†
	22(*c*)(ii)	Conservation by topical application of obtundents and coagulents where the treatment occurs within 12 months of similar treatment by the same practitioner.†
	23(*a*)(i)	Removal of calculus and other deposits from the teeth of children aged 9 years or over at the beginning of a course of treatment where the last course of treatment in respect of which provision was made for payment under item 23(*a*) or (*b*) to the same practitioner† commenced at any time during any of the 5 months preceding the month in which the further treatment is to be done.
	23(*a*)(ii)	Removal of calculus and other deposits from the teeth of children under the age of 9 years at the beginning of a course of treatment.
	23(*b*)	Removal of calculus where in exceptional cases it is present to an abnormal degree.
	23(*c*)	Removal of stain where the last course of treatment in respect of which provision was made for payment to the same practitioner† commenced at any time during any of the 11 months preceding the month in which the further treatment is to be done.
	24(*a*)	Orthodontic treatment other than repairs to orthodontic appliances. (See item 11.)
VI. General Items	30	Any treatment not included in items 1-29 of the scale of fees."

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